

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

JULES P. SLIM, )  
vs. )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) **No. 3:16-CV-1769-S-BH**  
JOSEPH ABUZAID, et al., )  
Defendants. ) **Referred to U.S. Magistrate Judge**

**ORDER**

By electronic order of reference dated March 23, 2018 (doc. 69), this *pro se* case has been referred for full case management. On September 5, 2017, defendant Joseph Abuzaid filed an *Application to Proceed In District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Long Form)*, that was construed as an application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal. (See doc. 52.) On that same day, it was recommended that the application be denied because the appeal was not taken in good faith. (See doc. 54.)<sup>1</sup>

On October 4, 2017, the defendant filed a *Letter of Clarification to the Court Regarding the Honorable Judge Irma Carrillo Ramirez Recommendation on Defendant Joseph Abuzaid's Application to Proceed [sic] in this Case Without Paying Cost*. (See doc. 61.) It states that he only intended to seek leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the district court, not on appeal. The recommendation that leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal (doc. 54) is therefore **VACATED**. Because the defendant paid the filing fee for this case at the time he removed it from state court, (see doc. 1), leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is unnecessary, so the application (doc. 52) is **DEEMED MOOT**.

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<sup>1</sup>Requests to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal are automatically referred to the assigned United States Magistrate Judge by *Amended Miscellaneous Order No. 6* (adopted by *Special Order No. 2-59* on May 5, 2005).

SIGNED ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2018.

  
IRMA CARRILLO RAMIREZ  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE